

# TOWN OF SWAN RIVER

## 2016 SPRING NEWSLETTER



### **Mayor & Council**

Mayor Glen McKenzie  
204-734-8830

Deputy Mayor Lance Jacobson  
204-734-8052

Councillor Phylis Friesen  
204-734-0940

Councillor Duane Whyte  
204-734-8814

Councillor Jason Delaurier  
204-281-5191

Councillor Jason Sakal  
204-734-0565

Councillor David Moriaux  
204-447-7010

Town Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the council chambers located in the Town office at 439 Main Street. The meetings start at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

### **Department Contacts**

#### **Administration:**

Julie Fothergill  
Chief Administrative Officer  
cao@townsr.ca

Terry Gnida  
Chief Financial Officer  
cfo@townsr.ca

#### **Public Works:**

Derek Poole  
Superintendent of Works  
sup@townsr.ca  
Darren Harvey  
Asst. Superintendent of Works  
asup@townsr.ca

#### **Fire Department:**

Darren Fedorchuk  
Fire Chief  
srfd@townsr.ca

#### **Recreation Department:**

Patti Henkelman  
General Manager of Recreation  
svrec@townsr.ca

#### **Centennial Arena & Parks**

Hugh Hunt

Operations Coordinator  
townrec@townsr.ca  
**SVCU Aquatic Centre:**  
Brendan Fedorchuk  
Operations Coordinator  
[aquaticcentre@townsr.ca](mailto:aquaticcentre@townsr.ca)  
**Veterans Community Hall:**

Lana Graham  
Hall Manager  
[vchlanagraham@gmail.com](mailto:vchlanagraham@gmail.com)

### **Important Phone Numbers:**

Town Office – 204-734-4586  
Fire Hall – 204-734-4403  
Arena – 204-734-4141  
Community Hall – 204-734-2285  
Aquatic Centre – 204-734-4119  
Handi-Van – 204-734-4586  
By-Law Enforcement – 204-734-4586  
Building Inspector – 204-734-4586



### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

#### **Transportation**

##### **2016 - Maintenance**

**Pothole Patching** – With the frost fully out of the ground potholes have been appearing throughout Town. Crews have been working to fill the potholes as they are reported.

**Sweeping** – The sweeper has been out on the streets collecting all the sand and debris that have built up on the roads over the winter.

**Crack Sealing** – Designated roads in town are having their cracks sealed with an asphalt emulsion. Crack sealing prevents water and debris from entering the pavement structure, increasing the life of the pavement.

**Traffic Line Painting** – Over the fall and winter traffic lines painted onto the street are worn away by vehicles and snow clearing operations. Every summer the lines are repainted to be fully visible to traffic and pedestrians.

Please be careful and drive slowly when passing our employees who are working on the roads.

#### **Utility**

##### **2016 - Excavations**

**Currie Road N** – Water and sewer mains will be extended along Currie Road for the new houses that are under construction. Water mains vary in size from 100 mm to 250 mm diameter and sewer mains vary in size from 100 mm to 375 mm. Since waste water moves through the sewer mains by gravity, it is important to install them at the correct grade to keep the water moving.

**New Services** – With several new residential buildings under construction utility operators will be busy hooking up new services. This work involves excavating down to the water mains under the street and running a waterline and sewer line to the building. A valve is installed at the property line with a stem extending to ground surface. This valve is used to turn on and off the water to the house without requiring an excavation down to the valve.

**Water Breaks** – There has only been one water break so far this year. As soon as breaks are identified by the public or town staff, locates are called in to determine the location of other buried utilities. Once the utilities are

marked, a backhoe excavates down to the water main and utility operators repair the pipe.

## **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The By-Law Enforcement Officer's hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Any concerns must be put in writing and brought to the Town office or sent by email to [bylaw@townsr.ca](mailto:bylaw@townsr.ca)

## **ANIMAL CONTROL**

The Animal Control Officer's hours are Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For any situations that arise after hours, please call 204-734-4586 or email [bylaw@townsr.ca](mailto:bylaw@townsr.ca). The officer will get back to you as quickly as possible. Please remember to have your dogs licensed and keep their vaccinations current. Licenses are available at the Town office. Any dog that has a valid license will be brought back to you at no charge.



## **Councillor's Corner**

Spring seems to have finally arrived, and for those of us in the municipal world, that means that we are in the middle of our busiest time of year. Spring is when the yearly budgets and final plans for capital works projects are determined and much work is done to ensure that the many services provided by the municipality financed with the best value to the taxpayer in mind.

Just a few of this year's capital works expenditures include curb, gutter and pavement on 6<sup>th</sup> avenue west, upgrades to the west end storm sewer outflow, as well as completing the switchover to remote read water meters which will

allow the town to reduce the labour costs required for quarterly meter readings.

This year's budget also brings with it a more efficient way of delivering handi-transit services to our citizens with limited mobility. Due to normal turnover within the town's fleet of vehicles, the by-law enforcement officer/handi-transit driver will have his truck being sent to public works and being replaced with a smaller single wheelchair handi-transit van. This will allow us to dual purpose this vehicle and provide mobility services in a much more efficient manner when transporting only one or two clients. The town will still continue to offer service to larger groups with the larger handi-transit vehicle.

The 2016 budget will also see the same user pay system implemented on non-residential garbage users that was implemented on the residential garbage users last year. In real terms this change will mean that every dumpster picked up will cost the same amount per pick and all users of the service will now be paying the same rate for the same level of service. These changes have effectively converted the garbage services offered by the Town into a utility paid on a per service level rate similar to the water and sewer utility. Information regarding the garbage fees as well as other special service by-laws were delivered to your mailboxes and should answer many of the questions you may have. The public hearings regarding these by-laws were held on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Speaking of the water and sewer utility, the Town of Swan River has unfortunately had to apply to the Public Utilities board for its first rate increase in fourteen years. The Town works hard to keep a lid on costs increases, but after fourteen years of working hard to ensure rates did not rise, costs in the utility have reached a point where the Town has had to ask the public utilities board for a small increase this year. This increase is due to many infrastructure investments the Town has done to the water/sewer system. These investments include complete rebuilds of

the Ross and Heyes street lift stations, shovel ready engineering on the 7<sup>th</sup> Ave lift station, pump upgrades to the Dixie lift station as well as engineering work done for future upgrades to the lagoon to ensure compliance with environmental regulations. Should the Public Utilities Board approve the requested rate increase, the Town of Swan River will still have some of the lowest water/sewer rates in the province.

In other news, I had the opportunity to join Councillor Jacobson, Mayor McKenzie, as well as Councillor Minish from Swan Valley West, Erin Brown from the Chamber of Commerce and Heather Nielsen from SV RISE, as a delegation at Hudson Bay Route Association AGM in Yorkton SK. The Hudson Bay Route Association is a 71 year old education/promotion/lobbying organization that works to promote the use of the Port of Churchill. Our delegation was able to lobby the Association to hold their two day AGM in Swan River in 2017. This will see 100+ attendees and their spouses coming to see everything the Swan Valley has to offer. ***Councillor Jason Delaurier***

## **Recreation**

Please welcome Patti Henkelman in her new position as General Manager of Recreation overseeing the Recreation Department for the Town of Swan River. Patti had previously been the Recreation Director at the Swan Valley District Recreation Commission (SVRDC) and also the Interim Manager of Aquatic Services for the Town. This change has come about due to restructuring of recreation within the Town as well as the SVDRDC. Patti will be responsible for operating budgets, capital budgets, policy development, strategic planning, managing staff of approximately 25 - 30, facility lifecycle planning, grant and proposal writing, liaison with other community groups, developing partnerships and liaison with Sport Manitoba and the Manitoba Recreation & Regional Services department.

The Swan River Parks & Recreation Commission no longer exists as all facility management in the Town will now fall under the new Recreation

Department. The Department has also had some other staffing changes. John Rooks, formerly the Facility Manager is gearing up for his retirement later this year and will remain with us on a part time basis until then. Hugh Hunt is the new Recreation Operations Coordinator – Arena & Parks while Brendan Fedorchuk is the new Recreation Operations Coordinator – Aquatic Centre. Hugh and Brendan will be the main contacts at their respective facilities and will work together to ensure efficient operations. The Recreation Director, Aquatic Services Manager, Facility Manager and Assistant Facility Manager positions were all eliminated under the new structure. This will help the Town streamline their operations and budget. A Programmer will be hired later this year to help with programming at all the facilities and continue to maintain and expand the SVDRC programs.

The SVDRC will still exist as an advisory board to look at recreation from a Valley wide perspective. It will continue to be funded by the Town of Swan River, Municipality of Swan Valley West and Municipality of Minitonas-Bowsman. The board consists of 13 members from the 3 participating municipalities and the school division. The board will meet 4 times a year to discuss recreation issues common to all the communities and strategize ways we can improve and build on what currently exists. The SVDRC will look at ways to maximize available funding, keep facilities viable, ensure municipal dollars are spent effectively and bring community groups together for long term planning.

#### ARENA & PARKS

The ice is out at the arena and we are ready for the summer season. We kicked things off with the Fish Supper on May 7.

#### Taylor School Fun Fest

Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-9pm

Features: Food, Games, Auctions, Karaoke, Dunk Tank, Prizes Everyone Welcome!

#### Tables and Chairs for Rent

Tables \$3.50/each

Chairs \$1.00/each

Picnic Tables \$5.00/each

For Bookings call **204-734-4141**

There has been a change to the booking policy. Beginning immediately, please make sure you see an arena staff member to sign in and sign out the equipment. You will be charged \$100/table and \$75/chair for any that are not returned or are damaged.

#### Walking Trails

Please make sure to clean up after your dog. Bags are available both the Legion park and Rotary trails.

#### AQUATIC CENTRE



#### Daily Admission

Family	\$23.00 + tax
Adult	\$8.00 + tax
Senior (60+)	\$6.50 + tax
Student	\$6.50 + tax
Teen (13-17)	\$6.50 + tax
Child (3-12)	\$5.25 + tax

Find us at: 1424 1<sup>st</sup> Street North  
204-734-4119

[www.swanvalleyrec.ca](http://www.swanvalleyrec.ca)

[www.facebook.com/RRWCENTRE](https://www.facebook.com/RRWCENTRE)

for a daily schedule

#### Summer Swim lessons

Two lessons per day

July 4 - 8

August 8 - 12

One lesson per day

July 11 - 22

Registration closes the Wednesday before lessons start. Register early to avoid disappointment.



#### Fall Swim lessons

Twice a week class on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school from October 4 - November 3

Once a week class on Saturday mornings from October 1 - December 3

Registration closes the Wednesday before lessons start. Register early to avoid disappointment.

#### Advanced Aquatic Courses

**Lifesaving Society Instructor** can teach and evaluate a variety of Lifesaving Society programs, such as Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid, and all of the Swim for Life Levels. Learn how to effectively teach water rescue, first aid, and related aquatic skills. August 15, 16, 17, 18 & 19  
8am-5:30pm \* \$295.00+tax

**National Lifeguard** develops a sound understanding of lifeguarding principles, good judgment, and a mature and responsible attitude towards the lifeguard's role. National Lifeguard training emphasizes prevention and effective rescue response in emergencies including first aid treatment. May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 15  
Fri. 5pm-9pm Sat & Sun. 8am-5pm  
\*\$295.00 + tax



## POOL PASS



*Help us celebrate our 2nd Anniversary!*

Bring this coupon to the pool for a free day of swimming.

**Richardson Recreation & Wellness**

**Swan Valley Credit Union Aquatic Centre**

Expires: June 30, 2016 - valid for 1 person

Find us at: 1424 1st Street North Swan River, MB  
204-734-4119 [www.swanvalleyrec.ca](http://www.swanvalleyrec.ca)



**Aqua Fit** – This has been one of our most popular programs happening at the Centre! We offer Aqua Fit on: Wednesday & Friday at 8 am, Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1 pm, and Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7 pm. Cost: daily admission price or just use your membership card.



**Programs**

**Jr. Lifeguard Club** for teens ages 11 – 15. It will be held on Wednesdays, from 4 – 6 pm and will cost \*\$125/person. This is an opportunity for teens to “try out” lifeguarding. To participate in activities similar to those of real lifeguards in a safe, fun & controlled setting.

**Fun Club** for kids ages 7 – 12. This once a week after school club is full of fun, education, fitness and a healthy snack is provided. It will be held on Wednesdays from 4 – 6 pm and will cost \*\$90/child.

**Stroke Correction** an opportunity for kids and adults to work specifically on their strokes with an instructor. Cost is \*\$40 and will run during the regular lesson period.

**Private Rentals**

30 people for \*\$99/hour  
 31-69 people for \*\$124/hour  
 70-104 people for \*\$149/hour  
 105-139 people for \*(\$174/hour (this includes spectators)  
 Waterslide Lifeguard \*\$25/hour

Renters can enjoy unlimited lap pool, leisure pool, waterslide, lazy river, tot pool, hot swirl pool & sauna use.

Saturdays & Sundays  
 5pm, 6pm & 7pm.

**Super Splash Party \*\$120.00**

(during public swim times only)  
 This includes 18 swimmers, 1 hour in the party room and unlimited pool use until the end of public swim. Just pay regular drop in fees for numbers exceeding 18.



**Swan Valley CO-OP Multi-Purpose room**

is an excellent space for meetings, training sessions, family gatherings, club wind-up parties, and birthday parties. \*\$40.00 for the 1st hour, \*\$35.00 for the 2nd hour. We also offer a table place setting service for an additional \*\$10 fee.

\*Residents of non-contributing Swan Valley municipalities pay double the listed price.



**COMMUNITY GARDENS**

8 PLOTS AVAILABLE AT THE RICHARDSON RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTRE GROUNDS

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE COMMUNITY AND GROW YOUR OWN FLOWERS, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

The plots will be “rented” (no rental fee will be charged) on a first come, first served basis. “Renters” are responsible for maintaining their garden plots throughout the season, including watering, weeding, pruning, harvesting, fertilizing and pest/disease control. If you are interested in a plot please call (204-734-4119) or stop by the Recreation and Wellness Centre.

**HANDI TRANSIT VAN**



The Handi Transit Van is used primarily for the mobility impaired. Regular hours are Monday to Friday from 8 am – 5 pm.

Weekend Service is available. Sundays after 1 pm. Please call 204-734-4586 ext. 1 during the week to book the van or 204-281-0163 on evenings and weekends.

Booking at least one day in advance would be appreciated. Weekend bookings must be made by Friday. The cost is \$6.00 per one way trip within Town limits. Coupons are available for purchase in advance.